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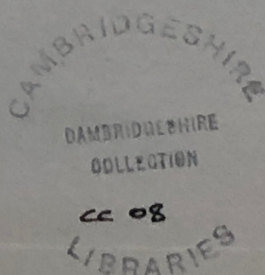
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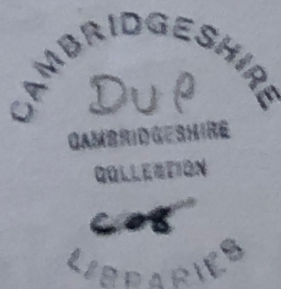
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It is particularly pleasing this year to be able to publish two of the essays which were submitted for the Schools Essay Competition in 1971. Richard Smail, who writes on the Aldreth Causeway, is aged 14, and Sally Williamson who is 18 lives at Oakington and writes about the lives of three Nonconformist ministers buried in her village. Both essays have had to be cut somewhat, and unfortunately there was not the possibility of reproducing the numerous illustrations. Mr Jacob continues his account of the Cambridge traders and their tokens, and curiously, one of his traders is also mentioned in the history of 'Little Trinity' in Jesus Lane. Mr Gray records the history of a well-known corner of the City, now being demolished, and Mr Petty reviews some books on Cambridge.

It remains to point out that of the contributions only two have been written by members of the Local History Council, and that it is to be hoped that there will be no lack of articles arriving soon for next year's issue.

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In the present BULLETIN one article refers to Swaffham Prior, one to Sawston and one to Westley Waterless, the others are concerned with Cambridge itself. Foremost among these last is an important contribution on tradesmen's tokens by Mr Jacob. Mr Petty's article on the Corn Exchange shows that controversy about our public buildings is no new thing in Cambridge.

The Local History Council took two new ventures in 1970: first, to circularise Cambridge schools offering a prize for an essay on local history, and secondly, to take part in the Cambridge Corporation's Leisure Opportunities Fair. The school essay attracted only a small entry but these were of a remarkably high quality, especially the three prizewinners to whom prizes were presented at the December meeting of the Council. It had been hoped to include one or more of the essays in the BULLETIN, but they were unsuitable owing to their length and to having a number of illustrations. We have in mind the possibility of producing the essay of the first prizewinner as a small booklet.

The Leisure Opportunities Fair was held on Bank Holiday Monday on Midsummer Common. A simple but effective arrangement was staged by Mr Farrar and Mr Wood, showing photographs (several by the late Alexander Puck) of places we had visited recently, and lists of lectures. We sold a number of copies of the BULLETIN and made five new members. It is hoped to repeat the venture in 1971. To those who feel inclined to help man the stall for an hour or two we would say that the job is quite painless and even entertaining and your assistance would be welcomed.

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The first thing about the 1969 BULLETIN which will strike members is its altered form. This is dictated largely by economy, but it is also felt that the printing gives our publication a rather more professional air, makes it easier to read and produces a smaller bulk for our overcrowded bookshelves. We are also printing a few extra copies for sale to the general public. The second innovation is the bell on the cover. This represents a corn dolly peculiar to Cambridgeshire, a true part of local history, and we are deeply grateful to Mr. R.C. Lambeth who did the drawing from one of the corn dollies made by his wife, Mrs. M. Lambeth.

With the formation of the Research Sub-Committee of the Local History Council it is hoped that a stimulus will be given to the investigation of the local history of the area. It was mentioned in the last BULLETIN that a lot of research is going on into the history of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and we hear now that Mr. M. Newbold of Shelford has been spending a great deal of time searching the records of St. Botolph's and doing other work for Dr. Rook, and that they have found out a lot about the history of 16th, 17th and 18th century medicine in Cambridge. There is a big field for local historians in our county, and as editor always longing for interesting contributions, I much hope that members will be inspired to do even small researches and to send their results for publication in the BULLETIN.

Joan Moullin

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Dr. Nicholas Pevsner

"Dr. Caius and architecture".

Dr. St. Joseph

"Cambridgeshire in its regional setting:
an aerial survey".

1954

Maurice Beresford, Esq.

"Deserted villages in Cambs."

H.E. Hallam, Esq.

"The Mediaeval Fenland".

1956

A. Puck, Esq.

"Architecture in local history".

1957

Alderman Mrs. Rackham

"60 years of changing Cambridge".

R.W. Ketton-Cremer, Esq.

"Cambridge in the 18th Century".

Prof. J.G.A. Clark

"Excavations at Wandlebury".

P.G. Laws, Esq.

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Dr. P.G.M. Dickinson

"Mediaeval churches in S.W. Suffolk".

Dr. J. Alexander

"Excavations at Castle Hill, Cambridge".

Miss H. Peek

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Miss H.M. Cross

"A Jamaican planter in Cambs."

G. Wood, Esq.,

"Common lands of Cambs."

1959

Dr. P. Eden

"The compilation of the City of Cambridge inventory".

Sir Sidney Roberts

"Cambridge in fact and fiction".

Councillor M.C. Burkitt

"Delving into a Cambridge past".

F.W. Murkitt, Esq.

"Country life in Cambs".

R. Lacey, Esq.

"The Queen's Highway".

1960

- J. Saltmarsh, Esq.
"Tudor Cambridge".
- M.H. Black, Esq.
"The history of the Cambridge University Press".
- G. Pollard, Esq.
"The changing face of Cambridge".

WINTER LECTURES 1960 Autumn to 1968 Spring1960

- Nov. J.B.C. Roach, Esq., M.A. Ph.D.
"The Victoria County History of Cambridgeshire".
- Dec. Mrs. H.A. Quiggin
"Cambridge Street Names".

1961

- Jan. Charles Cudworth, Esq.,
"The Dutch Influence in East Anglia". illus.
- Feb. R.W. Gibb, Esq.
"Hobson's New River".
- Mar. Prof. Helen Cam, Litt.D.
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- Nov. J.M. Farrar, Esq. (County Archivist, Cambs. County Council)
"The Work of the County Record Office".
- Dec. G.L. Dunn, Esq.,
"The Early Railway Era in Cambridgeshire".

1962

- Jan. James H. Corst, Esq. (County Planning Officer, W. Suffolk County Council)
"Suffolk Villages in Colour". illus.
- Feb. J.A. Alexander, Esq., Ph.D.
"The Prehistoric Origins of Cambridge revealed by Recent Excavations on Castle Hill".
- Mar. Rev. Owen Chadwick (Master of Selwyn College)
"Cambridge Religion a Century Ago".
- Nov. Mrs. Irene Lister
"Our Local Inheritance". illus.
- Dec. L.C. Bowers, Esq.
"Parish Records of Grantchester". illus.

1963

- Jan. Mrs. M.D. Owen
"The Ely Diocesan Records".
- Feb. P.G.M. Dickinson, Esq.
"Some Lesser known Monasteries of Cambridgeshire and E. Suffolk, including Anglesey Abbey". illus.
- Mar. Edward Miller, Esq.
"William Cole of Milton and his Haddenham Farm".
- Nov. Mrs. Clara Rackham
"Victorian Schools in Cambridge".
- Dec. Peter Eden, Esq.
"Some Lesser Manor Houses of W. Cambridgeshire". illus.

R. Holmes, Esq.
 "The Littleport and Ely Riots, 1816".

David Peace, Esq.
 "Cambridge Heraldry". illus.

Peter Laws, Esq. (County Planning Officer, Beds.
 County Council)
 "The Bedfordshire Scene". illus.

Geoffrey Wood, Esq.
 "Cambridge - The Long Winter". illus.

Kenneth A. Jacob, Esq.
 "Cambridge Postal History before 1900". illus.

Prof. D. Portway, C.B.E.
 "University Life early in this Century".

V.I. Gaster, Esq., O.B.E.
 "The Preservation of the Character of Cambridge".

F.W.P. Thorne, Esq., M.B.E.
 "The Cambridgeshire Village Colleges". illus.

Alexander Puck, Esq.
 "Rubbing Brasses for Pleasure and Information".
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Mrs. Margaret Spufford
 "Growth and Decline of some Mediaeval Cambridge-
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 "Writing a Local History".

Mar. Sir Henry Willink, Bart., Q.C.
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Nov. Mrs. H.A. Quiggin
 "Some Cambridgeshire Surnames".

Dec. F.W.P. Thorne, Esq., M.B.E.
 "100 Years of Free Church History at
 Bassingbourn".

1967

Jan. W.L. Hanchant, Esq.
 "Wisbech Museum Story".

Feb. H.C. Porter, Esq., Ph.D.
 "Erasmus in Cambridge".

Mar. J.A. Alexander, Esq., Ph.D.
 "Pre-historic and Roman Cambridge - Excavations
 1956-66". illus.

Nov. Mrs. M.J. Fitch
 "The Story of the Cambridgeshire Cottage Improve-
 ment Society". illus.

Dec. F. Houghton, Esq.,
 "The Fenland Waterways". illus.

1968

Jan. Dr. Arthur Rook, M.D., F.R.C.P.
 "John Addenbrooke and his Hospital". illus.

Feb. J. Martin Page, Esq.
 "Church Bells of Cambridgeshire". Sound illus.

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1. EDITORIAL.

The time has come when it may be worth while to look back to the original aims of the Local History Council and to see how far they have been or are being achieved. Our first objective was to bring together all those interested in Local History, individuals as well as institutions and societies. Our membership is now about 150, and on the Executive Committee are representatives of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, the County Planning Department, the County Record Office, the Women's Citizens Association, the Local Education Authority, the Cambridge Branch of the Historical Association, the Cambridge Preservation Society and the Cambs. and Ely Community Council. The co-operation of these societies and institutions is an essential feature of our function.

Secondly we wanted to encourage public interest in the villages in our work, and to ensure the maintenance and protection of all kinds of historical records. For this purpose a number of village correspondents, 26 in all, have agreed to act for us in their areas. It is hoped that this work will be extended and that correspondents will remain active in the pursuit of local knowledge.

As far as organising lectures and other methods of study is concerned, we have had a number of meetings

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1. EDITORIAL.

This, the first Bulletin of 1953, welcomes new members to the Local History Council and thanks all those who have continued to support us. The membership of the Council is now over 120. We would like, however, once again to emphasise that this Bulletin is one of the few means we have of keeping in touch with our members and associated societies, and would therefore welcome material for publication, letters, articles, miscellaneous records of general interest and particularly information of any activities in the villages connected with Local History.

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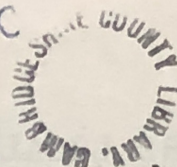
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Haslingfield and its History by G.E.Davies.

This first Bulletin of the Local History Council is aimed at providing members with a summary of the work already done and some suggested lines for the future. At the same time we realise that the Bulletin will provide one of the few ways by which we can keep in touch with members scattered widely over the Cambridgeshire countryside. Therefore in the future we would be most grateful for the active cooperation of members in the provision of material for publication, in the form of letters, articles etc. Although at present it is not known how often we can afford to publish a Bulletin it is likely to be at least twice a year.

In this edition besides a progress report we also print a contribution from one of our Local History Correspondents, and for the benefit of those unable to come, a short report on our Informal Meeting at the Folk Museum on January 12th. There is also a list of Pamphlets concerning some of the Cambridgeshire villages, which will be of interest to those intending to find out something about the villages concerned. This list is very incomplete and any further information about village pamphlets would be particularly welcomed, (that is pamphlets other than those published from time to time by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society.)

Since the Inaugural Meeting in the summer, the Council

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has fairly got under way with a membership already nearing the hundred mark. In addition we have received generous support from older established Societies and Institutions, as will be seen in the separate report on membership and finance. However we still believe there is considerably more support to be got and we would ask all members, and particularly village correspondents, to see if they could increase our membership.

There are one or two points which we think should be made clear about the functions of the Local History Council. First, the Council is of the County as a whole and not exclusively of Cambridge. We are anxious that in future meetings will be held at village centres, but at the moment, until village Local History groups are formed, Cambridge does seem the most easily accessible centre. But even this should not influence the character of our work which must be primarily in the villages. This is illustrated in the job of collecting and organising local information under village files and the vital importance of Village Correspondents.

Secondly, it should be emphasised that the Local History Council is in no way a 'rival' to any of the older established Societies. The aim of the Council, as was put forward in July, is to assist the study of Local History in the County and to bring together all interested in this field of study. We believe there are many people who have invaluable knowledge of the local environment, particularly those who have lived all their lives in the villages, and whose parents lived there before them. Too often this important source of information is untapped, partly because those with this knowledge are often too modest to think their knowledge is valuable and partly because there has been no concerted effort to discover and register this information, and consequently people are uncertain as to the ways of disposing of their specialised knowledge. It is hoped that in future any such information, be it of Prehistoric, Roman, Saxon or Norman remains, MSS of all kinds or personal reminiscences, will be lodged with the Village Correspondents or failing that, sent to the Council in Cambridge. It is therefore obvious that the success of this enterprise is dependent on our enlisting the support of everyone, be he young or old, who has any interest in the history of his immediate neighbourhood. It is more than probable that the evidence that any one brings to light will be of value to others

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and therefore the aim of the Cambridgeshire Local History Council must be to gather together the efforts of all for the benefit of all.

A cure for the Lumbago in the Back (from a Miller's Account Book, c.1839-60)

$\frac{1}{2}$ d worth of Turpentine
3d worth of the oil of Juniper
3d worth of sweet Nighter
2d worth of Balsom of Sulpher

Take 25 drops in a tablespoonful of Water every Night.

A cure for the Rumatic: (as above)

2d worth of Tincture of Opium
2d worth of tincture of Turpentine
1d worth of Hartshorn
1d worth of sweet Oil

Rub in by the fire.

2. Work in Progress.

REPORT ON VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS.

As already noted the Local History Council has been trying to find Correspondents in as many villages as possible. These Correspondents have undertaken to supply the Council with information of the sources of the history for their particular village. We also hope that they may be able to form groups within the village to carry out this work and also continue the study of Local History. The Council is prepared to help such groups in any way it can, by answering questions, suggesting people who are willing to give talks to such groups and in a limited way helping with administration. The Council will also give what help it can to village exhibitions of Local History, a very useful way of inaugurating local groups.

There are still a large number of villages without Correspondents and the Hon. Secretary would welcome volunteers from such villages. Below is a list of Village Correspondents, up-to-date as far as possible; if there are any inaccuracies or omissions we would be most grateful if you could let us know.

DRY DRAYTON)
 COTON)
 MADINGLEY) Temporarily B. Ware, esq., Impington Village
 MILTON) College.
 WATERBEACH)
 HISTON)
 BALSHAM K.L. Perkins, esq., Homeward, Fox Rd.
 Little SHELFORD Miss K.M. Marfleet, Manor Farm House.
 DUXFORD W. Parkinson, esq., Beechurst, Duxford.
 WHITTLESFORD Mrs. Hampton, 38, Duxford Rd.
 DULLINGHAM B. Challis, esq., Berndore, Church Lane.
 BRINKLEY R.H. Cory, esq., Homecroft.
 BURROUGH GREEN Mrs. Way, Burrough Green Hall.
 STETCHWORTH temporarily H.J.C. Bashford, esq.
 CARLTON as for BRINKLEY
 GIRTON Dr. R. Bolgar, 121 High Street.
 BABRAHAM G. Jackson, esq., School House.
 BOURN and KINGSTON Rev. S.M. Wheeler, The Vicarage.
 Great SHELFORD Mrs. Kidd, Westwood, Woodlands Rd.
 HASLINGFIELD Rev. G.E. Davies, The Vicarage.
 WEST WRATTING Rev. R.H.R. Dudley, The Vicarage.
 SUTTON H. Painter, esq.
 Great ABINGTON E. Warne, esq., Conifers.

We should like to thank all those who have so kindly consented to carry out the job of Local Correspondent, and look forward to hearing from them from time to time.

REPORT ON PANEL OF LECTURERS.

The Council has approached a number of people recommended for their knowledge of local affairs to join a Panel of Lecturers. This Panel has now been formed and the various organisations and institutions interested in arranging such lectures have been given copies of the list. Village Correspondents will also receive copies and will be able to approach anyone on the Panel direct. We should like to thank all those who have so kindly consented to serve on this Panel and would welcome any further suggestions of people who might be approached for similar services.

REPORT ON COLLECTION AND COLLATION OF INFORMATION.

The Council has begun a collection of Village Files in which it is proposed to collect all available references, documents, etc. about the particular village. This information is, at the moment, provided by Village Correspondents, Tutors and Lecturers in Local History taking classes in the County, and the County Archivist has

kindly consented to provide a Calendar of all Documents etc. he indexes at the Shire Hall. It is not only original material that is required but references to villages in printed sources as well. Information has been filed for the following villages:-

BRINKLEY An index of leases etc. held in the Shire Hall, mainly of 17th and 18th centuries.

BURROUGH GREEN References in Public Records 1086-1532

DULLINGHAM References in Public and other Records 1086-1532

GIRTON Photostat of Enclosure Award (1808)

Terrier of Townland mid 18th century.

Coppy Roole for ye Rentes in GIRTON 1668 & 1701

Two Transcripts from Cartulary of Ramsey Abbey

Transcript of the Hundred Roll for GIRTON.

HASLINGFIELD Chapter headings for MSS History of Haslingfield, by the Rev. G.E. Davies.

HILDERSHAM with LITTLE ABINGTON Admissions and surrenders of land 1545-1776. MSS in Shire Hall.

HORNINGSEA A Survey of Horningsea by the Leys School, Cambridge, 1949-50.

ISLEHAM A Village History of Life during the last Hundred Years. Ed. W.P. Baker.

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REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE.

The Membership of the Council on January 12, 1952 stood at 93 ordinary members and 6 corporate members. These latter pay an annual subscription of one guinea. They are: The Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes, The Clapham Society of the Leys School, the Cambridge Preservation Society, The Cambridge and County Folk Museum, The Cambridge Guides Association and the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. In addition the Council for the Preservation of Rural England have sent a donation of five guineas.

From a financial point of view the Council has negotiated with the Community Council for Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and the Isle of Ely an arrangement whereby the cost of administration is borne by them in payment of 1/3rd of the annual income of the Local History Council. Thus it is hoped to maintain the individual subscription at a minimum of 2/6, and provide members with at least two Bulletins a year in addition to the organisation of periodic meetings.

BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Although the compilation of some sort of Bibliography has been discussed by the Committee, little progress has been made. The creation of a full scale Bibliography is out of the question from a financial and publishing point of view, but the Committee are considering some selected bibliography of the more accessible books and pamphlets in Public Libraries. The Committee has received from the County Librarian, Isle of Ely, a copy of 'Hereward's Isle', a list of books on the fens and the Isle of Ely and the surrounding countryside. This is a useful preliminary list. For the information of members we would also draw attention to the publication by the Libraries Association of 'The Face of England', a short bibliography of books dealing with the English Counties. The County Library has a limited number of copies of a List of Books dealing with History, Topography, Antiquities, Natural History, etc. of the County and surrounding areas, published in 1935. It is understood that a revised list may appear